Television sets under the scheme sponsored by Government in order to create mass awareness of the family welfare programme;

(b) the number of villages which have been provided with Television sets so far;

(c) the number of additional Television sets likely to be provided by the end of the current financial year; and

(d) what is the criteria adopted for sanctioning of the Television sets?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Eight hundred eighty nine (889) Community Viewing TV sets were provided by Doordarshan under a VI Plan scheme for installation in selected villages in the districts of Nagpur, Bhandara, Chandrapur and Gadhchiroli in Maharashtra. 251 TV sets were provided earlier during 1976 for the districts of Greater Bombay and Pune.

(c) and (d) The VII Plan of Doordarshan does not have any scheme for deployment of TV sets for community viewing except in North-Eatern region.

Foodgrain production

1342. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the foodgrains production in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) what was the expected downfall in production last year due to drought and what was the actual decline therein; and

(c) what are the projections in this regard for the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) All India production of foodgrains during the last three years is as under:

Year	Production (Million tons.)
1985-86	150.4
1986-87	144.1
1987-88 (Provisional)	137.0

(b) The decline in production due to drought during 1987-88 over previous year is currently assessed at about 4.9 per cent, as compared to the earlier expected downfall in the range of 7 to 10 per cent.

(c) Since the crop year 1988-89 has just commenced, it is not possible to project the likely production of foodgrains. However, rainfall during the South-West Monsoon season so far (Ist June to 31st July) during the current year has been normal/excess in the entire country and prospects for foodgrains production are quite good.

Sale of spurious fertilizers

1343. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "spurious fertilizers sale continues in Uttar Pradesh" which appeared in the Indian Express of the 20th July, 1988;

(b) whether the sale of spurious and substandard fertilizers is prevalent in all parts of the country;

(c) whether due to use of spurious fertilisers, the farmers are being cheated; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to unearth the manufacturing of spurious fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Some reports are received from time to time regarding sale of sub-standard fertilizers.

(c) and (d) Whenever a report is received, action is taken under Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, to draw samples for analysis and in suitable cases necessary action for cancellation of licence or for prosecution is taken under Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985/Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Besides, samples are also drawn on regular and periodic basis for testing. There are 44 Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories for undertaking chemical analysis of fertilizers with an annual analysing capacity of about 80.000 samples.

Public Distribution System in Delhi

1344. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH MANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item under the caption "Capital's PDS on the verge of collapse" in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 18th July, 1988;

(b) if so, whether due to meagre returns the shop owners of the fair price, the owners are not interested to open FPS;

(c) whether to encourage the PDS, Government intends to give more incentives to the FPS owners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Increase in the profit margins to the fair price shops is considered from time to time by Delhi Administration. The Administration has intimated that the profit margins of fair price shop owners has been increased recently in respect of imported edible oils and levy sugar.

Number of Bonded Labourers in the states

1345. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the *Hindustan Times* dated 19th July, 1988 under the caption "2 lakh bonded labourers in 12 States";

(b) whether the 12 State Governments have identified the number of bonded labourers in their respective States;

(c) whether the State Governments have submitted their reports to the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The indentification and rehabilitation of bonded labour is monitored by the Central Government on a regular basis under the 20-Point Programme. As per the reports received from the State Governments, 2,35,670 bonded labour have been identified in 12 States upto 31.3.1988. The responsibility for identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour lies with the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has sponsored a scheme of financial assistance to the State Governments to facilitate and speed up the rehabilitation process of released bonded labour. State Governments have also been advised to extend the benefits under the anti-poverty programmes to the released bonded labour. Government has also launched a new scheme on 30th October 1987 for involvement of voluntary agencies in the task of identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour.

Supply of sprinkler under scheme of NABARD

1346. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high power Committee under his Ministry has approved the rate and specifications of sprinkler sets to supply to farmers under subsidy linked loaning scheme of the NABARD;